

to work that way. But I do know that the television sessions here are prolonging these sessions and I know that they are responsible for a lot of play acting and things of that nature but we have them. There are actually some benefits to be gained and I'm not sure if the benefits are the way or out weigh the bad features or not but I do say that they are going to have some things coming up between now and the end of the session that are important to the people of this state and I would oppose this motion for that reason. If this were done again, if I were serving in another session if this would come up again to ban this entirely, I would go for it. I would ban it entirely, because I am sure that having served in sessions, a good many of them, that were not televised, I know that the work of the legislature was much smoother and much more rapid and less inclined to disruption and trivialities than we have now. So at the present time I think that we should vote down this motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the legislature, my apologies to Senator Cal Carsten I think that he is speaking much in the same vein as frustration as Omaha Senators spoke a few weeks ago at a news conference regarding the legislature and especially this session I guess. I think that ETV has a lot of good things to it, there is no doubt of that, I think that it gives the people a chance to see what we can or can't do when we are on our feet down here. Beyond that I think that this motion was one of frustration. I think that we could almost compare it to what my friend Floyd Calver who is with NBC in Chicago put it. People were complaining about the Viet Nam war, you get at a...a...mad at the war you won't get involved but you get mad at the war so you kick the damn television set. But, the war still goes on. Well the same is true right here. We are really talking about frustration and our own lack of self policing, if anything, more than we are about the illis quote-unquote of television. I would hope that we would recognize this and in this fashion that it is a matter of self policing, rather than to apologize for our own inactions, leave the ETV alone for the good that it does do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now this board is lighting up more all the time. I'm going to ask that these Senators turn their lights off unless you want to speak again. Senator Stahmer, Senator Carstens, Senator Snyder, so that we can have some idea as to how many people want to speak. The next one to speak is Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I understand what Senator Carsten is saying but I have to oppose his motion. I think that he should be going to go the other way in trying to increase the amount of time that they spend here so that they can cover more of the issues. I think that is what we need to do. I have only watched this program about three times since it has been put on the air, and I don't intend to watch it any more than that, probably never watch it again this year. I do come in contact with hundreds of people each week and this is one thing that they talk about every time that you talk to them is about this program. They like it. The only thing that they don't like about it is when Mr. Fowler gets on and summarizes some of the things that they do. They would rather see the action itself rather than...from what I have been able to determine. So I don't think that would